

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. WRU-01-10-156
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**ORDER GRANTING WAIVER**

(Issued March 29, 2001)

On March 1, 2001, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for waiver of 199 IAC 35.12(3). Rule 199 IAC 35.12(3) contains the formula for calculating energy efficiency cost recovery factors. MidAmerican asks to delay final recovery of natural gas deferred energy efficiency costs from September 1, 2001, to December 31, 2001, to reduce a summer "spike" in the cost recovery factor. MidAmerican will forego any additional carrying charges for the extended recovery period. No objections to the waiver request were filed.

MidAmerican states the summer "spike" results because the calculation required by 199 IAC 35.12(3) usually spreads the deferred costs over an entire winter's gas usage. However, because the recovery of deferred gas energy efficiency costs is scheduled to end September 1, 2001, these costs would be recovered in the summer when fewer units of gas are sold, thereby causing the cost

recovery factor to significantly increase. Extending the recovery period until December 31, 2001, will reduce this "spike" significantly.

The Board will grant the request and extend recovery of deferred natural gas energy efficiency costs until December 31, 2001. MidAmerican is reminded it will need to file a tariff to eliminate the charges once they are recovered, with any residual balances being addressed in its next reconciliation filing.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The request filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on March 1, 2001, is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001.